CHAPTER NO. 703

SENATE BILL NO. 3453

By Harper

Substituted for: House Bill No. 3846

By West, Langster, Sherry Jones

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-225, relative to venue in certain workers' compensation cases involving a county or a municipal corporation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-225(a)(2), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (a)(2)(A) and by adding the following language as subdivision (a)(2)(B):

(B) If the parties are unable to reach an agreement at the benefit review conference as to all issues related to the claim, and if the employer is a county or a municipal corporation that has accepted the provisions of Title 50, Chapter 6, either party may file a civil action in the county in which such governmental entity is located or in the county in which the incident occurred from which the civil action arises.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2006, the public welfare requiring it, and shall apply to any claim or incident arising on or after that date.

PASSED: May 10, 2006

JOHN S. WILDER SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER JSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 19th day of May

2006

PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR